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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, US
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LOA

1. GHQ, JORDAN ARMED FORCES, HAS REQUESTED AN LOA BE PREPARED FOR THE FOLLOWING AMMUNITION WHICH IS INCLUDED ON THE MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT LIST, APPENDIX C, PART III, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES MANUAL:

DODAC	ITEM	QTY
1305-A792	CTG, 20MM HEI-T	1,000,000
1305-A655	CTG, 20MM HE-I	500,000

2. JUSTIFICATION:H
A. GOJ REQUIRES ABOVE AMMUNITION TO INSURE ADEQUATE STOCK WILL BE ON HAND FOR TRAINING AND WAR RESERVE. THIRTY-SIX VULCAN SYSTEMS ARE ALREADY IN COUNTRY AND 64 ADDITIONAL SYSTEMS ARE DUE TO START ARRIVING IN FEB 79. THOUGH THE QUANTITY OF 1.5M ROUNDS REQUESTED SEEMS LARGE, THE 100 SYSTEMS COULD EXPEND THE ENTIRE AMOUNT IN TWOE MINUTES.
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B. JORDAN'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED BY THE ABOVE SALE AS THE VULCAN IS A DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM. THE REQUESTED AMMUNITION IS CONSIDERED A NORMAL SYPPLY ITEM FOR SUPPORT OF VULCANS ALREADY IN COUNTRY AND FOR THOSE SYSTEMS DUE IN COUNTRY IN FY 79.

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C. NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL WILL BE
REQUIRED IN JORDAN BECAUSE OF THIS SALE.
D. SALE WILL BE FINANCED UNDER THE VULCAN AIR
DEFENSE PACKAGE.
E. THERE WILL BE NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON JORDAN'S
FINANCIAL SITUATION AS THE AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE
IS FUNDED BY SAUDI ARABIA.
F. ABOVE ITEMS HAVE NO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT.
G. MISSION HAS CAPABILITY TO MONITOR TRAINING
USE OF ABOVE REQUESTED AMMUNITION.
H. RECOMMENDED ACTION: APPROVAL OF SALE OF
REQUESTED AMMUNITION. NON-APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST
WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECT, SINCE
ITEMS ARE PART OF NECESSARY FOLLOW-ON ITEMS FOR MAJOR
U.S. AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WE HAVE SUPPLIED JORDAN.
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